

PLATO IN ILLINOIS, AND SHE'S A GIRL

Mattoon Stenographer Hews
Some Hardwood Philosophy
for Women in General.

Chicago, Ill., December 17.—Affairs of the heart, aspirations to scintillate in the theatrical armament, and the follies of girls are among the subjects for a series of epigrammatic comments by Helen Lee Brooks, of Mattoon, Ill., that are being distributed among employees of the Illinois Central. The author of the observations is a stenographer in the superintendent's office at Mattoon, and she sums up her views and advice in these aphorisms:

"The girl who prides herself on being a 'good fellow' should not complain if the men in the office take her at her word."

"It is the ambition of some stenographers to go on the stage; of others to get married. None of them wants to keep on just being stenographers."

"As employers some men are difficult; all women are impossible."

"The girl who gets married so she can 'quit work' sometimes exchanges a comfortable salary to work for board and clothes."

"A woman who wears a No. 7 shoe can afford to have an amiable disposition."

"If a girl has tried everything else and made a failure of it, her folks often think she'll make a good stenographer."

"Some people are so intent on being respectable that they forget to be kind."

"A widow being by 'understanding' a man, she ends by marrying him."

"Pretty women never are advocates of dress reform."

"If it were not for men, cooking would become a lost art."

"Some girls think they are attractive when they are merely attracting attention."

"Women would rather have privileges than rights."

"Some women marry because they haven't the moral courage to remain single."

E. B. WHITE ELECTED.

Named as Director of Percheron Society of America—Loy Killea.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lebanon, Va., December 17.—At the annual meeting of the Percheron Society of America, held in Chicago during the international exhibition, E. B. White, of Lebanon, was unanimously elected one of the directors.

Mr. White is one of the most successful breeders of Percheron horses in this country, and this fact is the reason why Mr. White, who lives in the extreme eastern part of the United States, with only about five members east of the Atlantic, was elected one of a total membership of 1,000, should have been chosen on the directorate.

The resignation of Major Truman A. Parker, formerly of Richmond, now of Lebanon, from the medical corps of the United States Army, was a source of deep regret to the members of the military company, as well as the entire regiment, where he was deservedly popular. He resigned for the reason that he felt that his military duties were interfering with the practice of his profession.

Albion L. Myers, who was one of the first of the Maryland recruits who joined Company A, Sixth Virginia Cavalry, and who served throughout the war, died recently at his home in Maryland, aged seventy-two years.

The engagement is announced of Frank C. Littlejohn, of Lebanon, and Miss H. Olive Troubridge, of New York.

At a recent business meeting of the members of Ketocut Baptist Church, thirty or more of the members withdrew for the purpose of establishing the Round Hill Baptist Church. Dr. L. B. Lake, pastor of Ketocut Baptist Church, will continue as pastor of both churches.

James L. Mannion, the thirteen-year-old son of Thomas Mannion, of Washington, was shot and instantly killed at Dranesville recently, by the accidental discharge of his gun while out hunting. The gun was discharged while he was climbing a fence, and his head was nearly shot from his body.

Two large red foxes have been killed by the Jenkins pack of hounds within the past week. The hunt on Monday started from the store at Mahala, the fox being started on Hutchison Mountain, and after a run of two hours was killed in the open on Lower Cotton. The run on Thursday started at Jenkins, and after a stiff run of an hour and a half the fox was killed in the open on Green's Mountain.

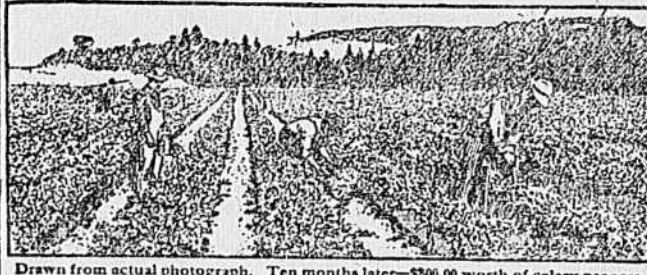
At a meeting of the Hamilton Town Council held at the Mayor's office on Tuesday night to consider bids for the purchase from the town of an electric franchise for the period of thirty years, the bid submitted by E. A. Cockey, Jr., was unanimously accepted. It is said to be Mr. Cockey's purpose to establish an electric plant at some point near the railroad, and not only supply the towns of Purcellville and Round Hill, as well as Hamilton, with electricity, but also furnish the current necessary for the establishment of cold storage and ice plants.

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M'NAMARACASE IS NOT LABOR MENACE

La Follette, in His Magazine,
Declares Dynamiters Are No
Worse Than Ruef.

Washington, December 17.—Senator La Follette, in the latest issue of La Follette's Magazine, says the McNamara's confession will not more injure the unions than the Ruef case injured popular government.

"But does not that suggest something further? Punish Ruef? Yes. But abolish the conditions that produce the Ruefs. Punish the McNamaras? Yes. But let us not stop with that. Let us try to see if there is not some better way of conducting modern industry; some way of making impossible the operations of the McNamaras and their ilk."

"Some way of curbing the type of capitalist who instigates violence in an effort to injure unionism. Some way of getting for labor the just treatment that is so long in coming. Some method of adjusting the relations between the employer and employee that will result in justice to both without necessitating the use of force. Maybe we shall have to continue pitting the strike and the boycott against the lockout and the blacklist. Bloodless weapons they are, to be sure, but still forcible."

"Trade unionism is the only present hope of the American workingman for decent living wages and tolerable conditions of labor. Labor, as a class, has not been and is not now getting what it is justly entitled to. It may have to continue fighting, of course, without violence, for its deserts."

WENT SINGING TO DEATH.

Japanese Crew Chanted National Anthem as Torpedoed Sank.

Victoria, B. C., December 17.—Ninety members of the crew of the Japanese torpedoed destroyer Haru, who lost their lives when that vessel went down in the Island Sea on November 24, according to advices brought by steamships to-day. When the end was near the crew gathered at the bridge and continued singing the national anthem and shouting "banzai" until the seas swept them away.

Pastor Cuts His Throat.

New York, December 17.—While lying in his bath in his Brooklyn home, the Rev. C. J. Olsen, aged fifty-five, cut his throat with a razor. He was found dead. Lonesomeness and fear that he was losing his mind is said to have caused the suicide. Dr. Olsen was pastor of the Norwegian Baptist Church.

MAY ELECT NEW GENERAL MANAGER

Vacancy in Staunton Will Be
Filled Early in New
Year.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Staunton, Va., December 17.—The position of General Manager for the city of Staunton, which has been vacant since July 1 of this year, will probably be filled at the beginning of the new year. The committee of the Council appointed to recommend a candidate has invited to visit Staunton for the purpose of considering an offer of the place a native of Staunton, J. I. Hudson, who has resided many years in Ohio, and he is now here conferring with the committee.

Mr. Hudson is a civil engineer who has for some years been chief engineer for the city of Portsmouth, O. He is also a member of the State Senate of Ohio. Mr. Hudson stands high in his profession and is regarded as a man of fine executive ability.

While the office of General Manager has been nominally in abeyance since July 1, the work has actually gone forward just as before under the direction of S. D. Holsinger, who has been General Manager's clerk since the creation of the office four years ago. Mr. Holsinger has carried on the business of the office without a hitch and with the approval of the public. The people want the office continued.

Mrs. Jane Brown Ranson has resigned as superintendent of the King's Daughters' Hospital, to take effect next March, which will be three years of service, most acceptable to the hospital and to the public. The hospital has made great progress under her administration, the building debt having been paid off and many improvements made. She wished to give up the arduous work sooner, but the board prevailed on her to remain for a while longer.

The Circuit Court of Augusta county has been engaged all week trying a will contest. Frank C. McCue, of Albemarle county is contesting on behalf of his infant children the will of Harvey C. Francisco, of Augusta county, who left an estate of about \$25,000 to his favorite niece, Mrs. Mary Cameron Lyle, and his neighbor, Mrs. Bertha Palestine Gibson, disinheriting the children of his daughter, Mrs. McCue. An attempt is being made to show that he was not in his right mind. More than forty witnesses have been summoned. Mr. Francisco is a direct descendant of Peter Francisco, the giant of Revolutionary days, who performed so many feats of valor, as recorded in Virginia history. Mr. Francisco was a man of powerful frame himself. There is no dispute over the fact that he was very eccentric.

EX-ASSEMBLYMAN A SUICIDE.

Body of J. H. Haysradt Found in a Swamp—Had Used Chloroform.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., December 17.—The body of former Assemblyman Jacob H. Haysradt, of Ancram, was found in a swamp on the Haysradt estate. A handkerchief, which had been soaked in chloroform, lay over his nose and mouth, and life had been extinct for several days.

Haysradt was last seen alive on Thursday morning after breakfast. He left a note bidding his wife and children good-by. He was born in 1858, and was a lifelong resident of Ancram. Several years ago his brother William disappeared, and his body was found later in a cove of the Roelf Kill. Haysradt was a member of Stating Masonic Lodge, in Pine Plains, and the Grange at Ancram.

For nine years he was supervisor from Ancram, and for four years chair, man of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors. He was elected to the Assembly in 1894.

ORDER TO BUILD MORE GOOD ROADS

Action Taken by Spotsylvania
Commissioners—Business Con-
ditions Satisfactory.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Spotsylvania, Va., December 17.—In addition to the fourteen miles of permanently improved roads in Courtland District now completed, the Spotsylvania board of commissioners has obtained an order of the Circuit Court for building and permanently improving five miles of the Rappahannock River Road, extending from Fredericksburg to Hamilton's, and when this road is completed it will intersect with that section of the public road at Hamilton's, which was recently built and permanently improved, and given to the county by the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company. When this section of five miles of road is completed it will give in addition to the other roads already completed to Courtland District, an almost complete system of permanently improved roads.

The county Board of Supervisors has advertised for the building of two large concrete and steel reinforced bridges—one over the Po River at Snell, and the other over the North Anna, at Dillards.

An earnest effort is soon to be made to get the present Congress to establish a national battlefields park out of the four great battlefields of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness and Spotsylvania. The bill has been pending for some years, and has twice passed the Senate, and it is now thought that favorable action will be taken on it by both houses of Congress. Notable among other points of great interest is the "Bloody Angle" or Spotsylvania Courthouse battlefield. For the length of time of the struggle and the number of men engaged the slaughter at this point surpassed anything on record. The United Confederate Veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic both have fully indorsed and are now behind the move to establish this park.

Rev. Mr. Linger, of the Episcopal Church, who was recently assigned to Christ and St. George's churches in this county, by Right Rev. Bishop R. W. Gleason, of the Virginia Diocese, has reached this field and is in charge of his work.

A suit for \$1,550 damages against the Adams Express Company by E. S. Sullivan for abuse, maltreatment and assault, has been instituted in the Circuit Court of Spotsylvania county. It charges that when Mr. Sullivan went to the express office in Fredericksburg about sixty days ago in quest of a package which had been sent to him, he was abused, assaulted and beaten by the agent in charge without provocation. The company was fined \$50 and costs for this offense, and subsequently Sullivan brought this damage suit.

As Christmas approaches, business in all the lines of trade and traffic is slackening. The lumber market is feeling more active, the farmers are feeling the quickening pulse of increased activity in trade for their grain and pork and cattle, the merchants are laying in large stocks, and they feel the activity of market sales. The outlook for a brisker business along all the lines of general trade is most encouraging.

GRANGERS TRY CO-OPERATION.

Details of Plan Show Central Body

Scanton, December 17.—The Pennsylvania Grangers, who have convened their State convention here, have great hopes for the success of the co-operative plan which was adopted formally by the convention, and which the executive committee now will try to put through. The plan is said to be one of the most ambitious co-operative projects ever proposed.

The State organization, which includes 65,000 members, has sanctioned a plan that contemplates the formation of a central corporation under the management of the State officers, subsidiary co-operative corporations to be formed by the county granges.

The main body will buy factory outputs of farm implements, fertilizer and other merchandise used on the farm, thus getting the lowest possible price. This merchandise then will be distributed among the subsidiary corporations, where needed and will be sold to the farmer without the various commissions and profits of middlemen.

The State body also will find for the grange members favorable markets for their farm products.

In the subsidiary co-operative stores the same method of merchandising will be used on a similar scale.

To make co-operation a success the grangers are seeking to interest the trades unions in the project, and conferences already have been held by grange leaders with officers of organized labor.

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NEXT SUNDAY.

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OPERATIONS SOON WILL BE RESUMED

With Opening Up of Furnaces
Business Will Become
Brisker.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Clifton Forge, Va., December 17.—

This city being in the heart of the iron belt of Virginia, it is but natural that the merchants here should have felt the ill effects of the closing of the iron trade, for a majority of the furnaces and mines have been closed down for the past several weeks. Notwithstanding this setback the city has held its own and the people here are looking forward to improved conditions in the coming year. Already it is announced that the Princess Furnace, at Glen Wilton, will resume operations in a very short time, and the other furnaces are expected to follow suit. Especially is this true since the markets show an increased demand for pig iron and a higher price. For the past year or two the sale price of pig iron has been just about what it costs to make it at the furnaces.

The unfavorable conditions noted above have not had any material effect on the bank deposits in this city. According to reports just made public by the two national banks in Clifton Forge, the deposits exceed \$750,000. There has not been a single failure of any consequence, while improvements have continued on rather a large scale. The Clifton Forge Improvement Corporation is completing an improvement to its lighting plant at a cost of \$25,000, and other improvements are contemplated here involving still larger sums of money.

The new City Hall recently completed has been accepted by the city and many of the city officials have moved into their new quarters. The City Hall building proper is an ornament to the community. The court room is on the second floor. It is large, bright and airy and handsomely furnished. The City Hall, the jail, the ground which the two occupy and the furnishings cost the city less than \$10,000. In the tower is a large clock with four faces and a large bell.

W. S. Morris general agent for the transportation department of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, with headquarters in Richmond, addressed the employees of the railway here this week on the subject of "Fuel Economy." During the past six months, Mr. Morris has devoted his energies to saving fuel on the several divisions, and already the saving has been wonderful.

W. S. Taylor, who formerly resided in this city, having moved here from Lynchburg, and who is now living in Cincinnati, where he holds a position with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, of Indiana, filed a petition in bankruptcy a few days ago in Cincinnati. He stated that his debts amounted to \$1,191 and his assets only \$128. Mr. Taylor was a member of the finance committee. Practically all of his debts are due to Clifton Forge people, and the bulk of it is confined to negotiable paper.

Jacob E. Dakin was painfully hurt Thursday by being thrown violently to the floor of the caboose in which he was riding, and for a time he was unconscious. After recovering himself he attempted to walk home and fell upon the street, his head striking the granolithic walk and causing a serious injury. Mr. Dakin was taken home and is now getting along as well as could be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Dundap, of Harrisburg, Pa., are here on a visit to friends. Mr. Dundap is a prominent official of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mrs. Dundap is the sister of E. W. Grice, general manager of the Chesapeake and Ohio.

peaks and Ohio, and for many years resided in this city.

The public schools will close on the twenty-second for the Christmas season, and reopen on the 2nd of January.

HENRY F. LORD KILLED

Found Crushed to Death in His Garage

Under His Automobile Engine.

Tarrytown, N. Y., December 17.—The body of Henry F. Lord, treasurer of the Lord & Burnham Co., of Irvington-on-Hudson, was found crushed to death last night in his garage by his son, Arthur, who had been searching for several hours for his father.

Mr. Lord was of a mechanical turn of mind, and refused to allow any one to touch his automobile, which was a hobby with him. Recently he decided to overhaul the car, intending to do the work himself at odd times. His family went to New York to do some Christmas shopping, and after Mr. Lord had his luncheon he left without telling the servants where he was going.

When he did not return to dinner, the family became alarmed, and began telephoning around to the neighbors to see if they had seen him. The garage is in the rear of the home of John H. Cushman. Mr. Lord's son-in-law, Young Mr. Lord finally went to the garage, and there stumbled over a foot which was sticking out from under the car. Striking a match, he discovered the body.

With all his strength he tried to lift the heavy engine off the body, but could not. Then he called for help, and Mr. Cushman ran out to the garage. The two were able to lift the engine, and Mr. Lord's body was dragged out. The engine, weighing several hundred pounds, had fallen on his chest. Dr. E. J. Smith was called. He said Mr. Lord had been dead several hours. It is supposed that Mr. Lord in some way loosened the engine.

Mr. Lord's father was the founder of the Lord & Burnham Co. He was formerly president of the village. He was a director of the Irvington Bank and the Irvington Presbyterian Church. He was about sixty years old.

Religious Movement Organized.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Alexandria, Va., December 17.—

"The Men and Religious Forward Movement" was organized here this afternoon following addresses on the work made by H. B. F. Macfarland, former district commissioner, and Northampton, Mass., and by Washington, which was held at Christ Church (Episcopal) parish hall. The meeting was interdenominational, and was well attended.

THINK CHICAGO HEIRESS STOLEN

Mother Believes That Missing
Violet Bueler Is Being Held
for Ransom.

Chicago, Ill., December 17.—That Violet Bueler, the fifteen-year-old Chicago heiress who disappeared three weeks ago, has fallen into the snare of a designing fortune hunter was the theory the police advanced to explain one of the most baffling disappearances of recent years.

Miss Violet is the daughter of Mrs. Anna Buehler. She left her home to visit relatives near Racine, Wis., disappeared on the way, and there is so far no clue to her whereabouts.

Mrs. Buehler, the mother, scoffs at the idea of an elopement, and declares her daughter has been kidnapped. The police believe it is possible the girl is being held for ransom.

FOUND DEAD ON TRACK.

Body of Deputy Sheriff, Who Is Sup-

posed to Have Been Murdered.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Fayetteville, N. C., December 17.—

Deputy Sheriff Benton, of this county, was found dead upon the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad track at Wade, a station twelve miles north of Fayetteville to-day. A train passed over the body, and examination pointed to the fact that he had been murdered and placed on the track.

Sheriff McGeehey, Deputy Sheriff Hall and the county coroner, Dr. J. V. McGougan went to Wade in automobiles this afternoon, carrying a blood hound. No details can be gathered up to this hour.

He Burns Prove Fatal.

Alexandria, Va., December 17.—Mrs.

Willie Trainum, wife of Bayne Trainum,

who was so badly burned last

night, died at 5:30 o'clock this morn-

ing at the Alexandria Hospital.

She was twenty-two years old and

was knocked from her hand by a child

at the residence of her mother, Mrs.

John J. Wagner, 1012 Duke Street,

last night, and she was burned from

head to foot. Her mother, Mrs. John

Wagner, in endeavoring to extinguish

the flames, was burned on the arm.

The funeral arrangements have not

been completed.

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